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Though the majority of Linux lovers are posting this E-mail address in order to stop Microsoft's Settlement, I am all for it. Many people do not understand how important Microsoft is to today's high-tech world. Though I do not agree with there practices it is due to your poor judgment that the problem has become this big. If something was done years ago when apple had a good share of the market then maybe some good would have came from it, but as of today no good can come of punishing Microsoft. The reason I believe this is because Microsoft has established the standard and that is what is needed for computers to grow. The reason why other OS' can't compete against them now is because of this issue. Microsoft was never the best software and neither is Linux or Mac OS, but it is all that we have now. The hopes of other OS' like BEOS are nothing more then a dream now. Companies like this that seek to innovate must maintain reverse compatibility and yet they can not because any emulation of Windows that they try usually ends up much slower then windows. Probably the best thing you can do to Microsoft is make them release the code needed for other OS' to use windows applications, that way the best OS will win no matter what Microsoft does about it.

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